

REMARKS

Claims 1-49 remain allowed over the prior art of record.

The present Amendment is submitted herewith to update the status of related applications and to amend only claim 21. Claim 21 has been amended to depend from claim 20. This corrects an obvious typographical error since "the identification information" in claim 21 is first recited in claim 20 and not claim 18.

The proposed changes do not add new matter nor do they raise any new issues. Accordingly, entry thereof is requested.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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